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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2002, a reply for which is due by April 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Amended) A method of monitoring glucose levels, comprising:
a) providing i) a host, and ii) a device comprising a housing and means for determining the amount of glucose in a biological fluid; and